

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MEC Maloyi Hand Multi-Million Rand Project in Bojanala**

Ms Olivia Leopeng (84), the first and probably the oldest beneficiary of the Sunway Presidential project in Hartebeespoort in the Madibeng local municipality. Leopeng, who is blind and does not get social grants, could not stop singing praises about the good work that the government has done for her and which include her family.

Ms Leopeng is one of the 1000 beneficiaries who were handed over their houses by MEC for Human Settlements Public Safety and Liaison Nono Maloyi on Wednesday. The over Hundred Million project is mainly aimed at eradicating informal settlements around the Hartebeespoort area, and further restore their dignity.

“I struggled under the apartheid government. I stayed in unbearable conditions and have never enjoyed life. But today, even though I can’t see properly, I’m the happiest person alive. My life has been changed drastically, mainly because I have never owned a house before. My children will have a home,” said Ms Leopeng.

According to MEC Maloyi the project has significantly changed people’s lives based on the conditions that they have been living in. “Our people’s dignity was stolen by the apartheid system. However this democratic government has worked so hard to restore their dignity. Government will continue to make sure that our people live in habitable and humane environment as it is their democratic right, said MEC Maloyi.

MEC Maloyi further went on to hand over about 200 community residential units to the Rustenburg Local Municipality. The over 30 million rand CRU project that will also assist in accommodating migrant workers who have staying in informal settlements and other local who do not qualify for RDP houses.

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